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OVERSEA TRADE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1960/61

SCOPE

This bulletin shows direct trade between overseas countries and South Australia. INTERSTATE TRADE AND OVERSEA TRADE VIA OTHER STATES IS EXCLUDED. The 1960/61 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

VALUE of exports is expressed £A f.o.b. or its equivalent at port of shipment; value of imports is "transaction value" £A f.o.b. or "domestic value" £A f.o.b. at port of shipment, whichever is the higher.

QUANTITIES are tabulated only in respect of exports for which there is an appropriate unit of quantity.

EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to the United Kingdom increased from £27.1 million in 1949/50 to a peak of £55.5 million (45.1 per cent of total exports) in 1952/53. Since then both value and proportion to total value have declined generally to £26.8 million (26.9 per cent) in 1960/61.

Exports to other countries show considerable variation from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France, and New Zealand - have taken over 30 per cent of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1960/61 the respective proportions of total exports shipped to these countries were 17.7 per cent, 4.6 per cent, 5.8 per cent, and 5.5 per cent.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Consignment	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	38,851	31,254	31,474	28,836	26,787
Ceylon	1,669	377	386	858	358
India, Republic of	1,657	1,406	961	1,091	1,333
New Zealand	9,059	7,790	7,103	3,861	5,430
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	1,638	2,275	1,392	2,151	1,430
Belgium & Luxemburg	3,534	4,703	3,409	2,558	2,188
France	9,847	8,665	6,288	7,085	5,747
Germany, Federal Republic of	3,736	3,122	3,494	5,077	3,400
Italy	3,791	3,899	2,138	2,643	3,123
Japan	16,682	11,138	11,978	11,601	17,629
United States of America	16,030	9,244	7,687	7,108	4,567
TOTAL (including other)	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,399

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VOLUME OF
OVERSEA
EXPORTS

The following table shows the quantities of selected items of exports for each of the last five years.

Preliminary figures show that the quantity of wool exported in 1960/61 was approximately equal to the quantities exported in 1958/59 and 1959/60. However, as shown in Table 3, the value of wool exports increased by £5.8 million (18.4 per cent) from 1958/59 to 1959/60 but decreased by £5.3 million (14 per cent) from 1959/60 to 1960/61.

During 1960/61 exports of barley reached a record of 22.4 million bushels and wheat exports totalled 23.9 million bushels, the highest figure since 1937/38. This contrasts sharply with 1959/60 when barley exports of 13.7 million bushels were the lowest since 1951/52 and wheat exports of 11.2 million bushels the lowest since 1949/50.

TABLE 2 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	Unit	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco</u>		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Butter	lb.	2,429	968	1,039	596	607
Cheese	lb.	9,259	5,800	8,972	8,976	11,164
Flour (inc. Semolina)	ton	87	57	54	60	72
Fruit, Dried - Currants	lb.	5,569	8,037	8,111	5,171	6,412
Raisins	lb.	18,665	22,167	22,324	14,802	12,983
Other	lb.	1,322	1,010	2,344	4,341	4,158
Fresh - Apples	case	249	353	222	364	245
Preserved and Pulped	lb.	13,826	13,099	9,543	16,745	15,382
Grain - Barley	bush.	18,709	17,592	17,683	13,705	22,432
Oats	bush.	1,845	454	2,107	18	406
Wheat	bush.	20,123	14,749	14,386	11,161	23,912
Meat - Lamb	lb.	13,471	16,732	21,475	12,145	10,079
Peas (inc. Split Peas)	cental	180	68	171	29	65
Spirituos Liquors	pf gal.	106	99	94	96	78
Wine	gal.	1,571	1,401	1,671	1,676	1,814
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)						
Tallow	cwt	123	142	138	147	125
Wool - Greasy	lb.	134,434	117,256	132,347	132,704	133,162
Other	lb.	11,525	11,256	12,781	13,035	10,300
<u>Minerals, Metals, & Metal Manufactures</u>						
<u>Minerals -</u>						
Gypsum	cwt	670	1,407	1,097	1,393	1,562
<u>Concentrates and Ores -</u>						
Copper	cwt	410	309	82	425	487
Lead and Silver-lead	cwt	716	1,025	971	826	945
Zinc	cwt	4,054	5,089	3,922	3,321	4,634
<u>Metals & Metal Manufactures -</u>						
Iron (Pig)	cwt	133	126	198	436	1,990
Iron and Steel Scrap	cwt	318	433	516	441	455
Lead (Pig)	cwt	3,218	3,260	2,847	2,422	2,426
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	fine oz	5,615	2,894	3,276	3,201	1,570

VALUE OF
OVERSEA
EXPORTS

Table 3 shows values of principal commodities exported and Table 4 shows values of exports according to commodity groups.

As shown in Table 4 about 90 per cent of the value of exports comes from the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining groups. The commodities of greatest value in each group are:- Agricultural - wheat, barley, and flour; Pastoral - wool, sheep-skins, and meat (lamb); Mining - lead, zinc, and silver.

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The main variations in the value per unit of quantity of these nine commodities during the five years under review have been as follows:- The average value of barley was approximately 10/- per bushel in 1956/57 and 1957/58, rose to 11/6 in 1958/59, but has since fallen to 8/7 in 1960/61. Greasy wool varied between 6/7 and 4/1 per lb. over the period. The average value of lead (pig) fell sharply from £6.17.0. per cwt in 1956/57 to £4.16.0. in 1957/58 and has since varied between £4.2.6. and £4.10.0. Zinc dropped from 14/4 per cwt in 1957/58 to 9/9 in 1958/59 but recovered to 13/2 in 1959/60 and rose to 16/6 in 1960/61.

TABLE 3 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco					
Butter	315	108	160	91	80
Cheese	696	297	1,112	987	956
Fish (inc. Crayfish)	268	302	392	239	159
Flour (inc. Semolina)	2,453	1,748	1,682	1,684	2,029
Fruit, Dried - Currants	299	429	488	317	359
Raisins	1,061	1,410	1,601	1,065	942
Other	206	139	362	540	527
Fresh - Apples	385	594	414	557	362
Other	70	111	359	523	364
Juices and Syrups	76	68	151	81	79
Preserved and Pulped	954	878	599	1,001	935
Grain - Barley	9,268	8,591	10,202	6,126	9,612
Oats	554	119	642	7	116
Wheat	13,826	10,686	10,146	7,830	16,272
Honey	116	182	49	102	130
Meat - Lamb	1,137	1,663	2,144	895	689
Other	593	1,339	1,650	1,678	813
Peas (inc. Split Peas)	410	180	341	67	145
Spirituous Liquors	162	148	126	147	128
Wine	985	906	1,073	1,182	1,198
Animal and Vegetable Substances (not Foodstuffs)					
Hides and Skins	3,287	3,831	2,511	3,841	2,911
Tallow	498	612	564	481	427
Wool - Greasy	44,220	31,260	27,233	32,301	28,828
Other	5,242	5,281	4,370	5,114	3,332
Minerals, Metals, & Metal Manufactures					
Minerals -					
Gypsum	58	147	117	193	216
Concentrates and Ores -					
Copper	1,798	889	298	1,408	1,631
Lead and Silver-lead	2,149	3,080	2,832	2,317	2,670
Zinc	3,003	3,666	1,927	2,191	3,823
Metals and Metal Manufactures -					
Cadmium	133	130	83	111	54
Iron (Pig)	149	155	236	454	1,957
Iron and Steel Scrap	376	492	372	392	368
Lead (Pig)	22,008	15,703	12,438	10,841	10,028
Machinery and Vehicles	1,323	1,323	940	2,300	2,881
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	2,227	1,136	1,293	1,307	641
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	605	573	421	670	1,460
Miscellaneous					
Paints, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics	36	155	56	95	229
Salt	142	141	133	124	165
All Other	1,836	1,410	1,399	1,567	1,883
TOTAL EXPORTS	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,399

(a) The values of export items include the values of outside packages (containers and crates).

TABLE 4 - VALUE OF EXPORTS - COMMODITY GROUPS : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity Group	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Agricultural	26,862	21,488	23,352	16,022	28,666
Pastoral and Dairying	56,661	45,041	39,906	45,525	38,105
Orchards, Vineyards, Gardens	4,112	4,615	5,124	5,284	4,806
Mining	31,853	25,124	19,341	19,042	22,141
Manufacturing & Miscellaneous	3,436	3,614	3,193	4,953	5,681
TOTAL	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826	99,399

SOURCE OF
OVERSEA
IMPORTS

The United Kingdom is the main supplier of goods imported into South Australia. Since 1949/50 direct imports from the United Kingdom have varied between £18.5 million and £36.4 million while the proportion to total imports has fluctuated between 32.7 per cent and 52.2 per cent.

In 1960/61 the United Kingdom supplied 32.7 per cent of total imports, United States of America 17.5 per cent, India 5.1 per cent, and Canada 6.6 per cent, and in each of the last six years these countries were the source of about two-thirds of total imports.

TABLE 5 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Origin	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	19,965	21,394	19,037	26,180	23,309
Canada	2,378	2,251	3,068	3,438	4,677
India, Republic of	3,546	3,351	2,598	1,614	3,617
Bahrain Islands	1,244	333	457	639	743
Germany, Federal Republic of	1,370	2,105	1,717	2,596	2,817
Indonesia	1,176	1,030	1,369	1,627	1,290
Netherlands	1,165	1,330	1,803	2,065	2,585
United States of America	5,560	5,496	5,203	7,243	12,483
TOTAL (including other)	45,407	47,103	45,346	59,747	71,368

VALUE OF
OVERSEA
IMPORTS

Since 1949/50 the value of imports into South Australia has varied between £45 million and £71 million annually except for 1951/52, when it reached £93 million. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:-

- (1) Metals and Metal Manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are Motor Vehicles and Iron and Steel.
- (2) Oils, Fats, and Waxes. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes Petrol, Kerosene, and Diesel Oil, fell steadily from £8.5 million in 1953/54 to £2.9 million in 1957/58. It has since risen progressively to £3.8 million in 1960/61. The current low level of South Australia's direct overseas imports of these items is largely the result of obtaining supplies from other Australian States in which oil refineries are located. Imports of petrol, kerosene, and diesel oil, from Western Australia (the only State for which figures are available) increased from £5,000 in 1953/54 to £9.1 million in 1957/58. In 1958/59 the figure was £7.6 million and in 1959/60 it was £8.5 million.

The proportions which principal items bear to total imports have not changed greatly since before the war. Apart from the variations in Oils, Fats, and Waxes, one of the most marked fluctuations has occurred in the Vehicles group, which accounted for 7.4 per cent of total imports in 1938/39, 15.7 per cent in 1959/60, and 13.8 per cent in 1960/61.

TABLE 6 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco					
Cocoa, Coffee, and Chicory	135	139	153	136	152
Fish (all kinds)	227	356	334	497	584
Tea	747	593	773	627	583
Tobacco and Cigarettes	41	58	52	70	89
Whisky	35	43	59	68	77
Animal and Vegetable Substances (not Foodstuffs)					
Apparel and Attire	207	340	317	338	473
Bags and Sacks	2,573	2,045	2,026	1,112	3,705
Fibres - Vegetable	1,514	1,269	1,190	1,090	1,348
Paper, Paper Pulp, and Paper Board	1,694	1,712	1,616	2,346	2,616
Rubber and Rubber Goods	411	582	514	782	853
Stationery and Books	686	814	1,005	1,141	1,310
Textiles and Piecegoods	2,495	3,156	2,818	3,201	3,657
Timber	2,808	2,677	2,067	2,828	3,603
Yarns	140	139	124	140	181
Paints, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics					
Drugs, Chemicals, and Medicines	1,169	2,213	1,600	1,462	1,593
Fertilizers	732	714	597	635	762
Paints, Varnishes, and Pigments	390	458	207	235	294
Plastic Materials, Fibres, and Yarns	281	666	556	1,086	1,126
Minerals, Metals, and Metal Manufactures					
Cutlery and Platedware	135	137	107	107	116
Electrical Equipment	2,125	2,554	3,204	4,713	4,235
Iron and Steel	3,382	2,544	1,991	2,335	6,891
Machines and Machinery -					
Dynamo Electrical	630	453	542	562	717
Other	6,609	7,362	6,718	9,481	11,116
Non-ferrous Metals	263	258	211	320	578
Vehicles -					
Aircraft and Parts	485	369	300	438	152
Motor Vehicles and Parts	4,534	4,409	5,192	8,505	8,741
Motor Cycles, Cycles and Parts	218	266	215	264	286
Other Vehicles and Parts	241	411	182	150	699
Wire	292	162	143	214	577
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	1,356	1,470	1,460	1,892	2,162
Oils, Fats, Waxes					
Petrol	1,734	953	1,434	1,683	2,014
Kerosene	878	598	496	662	574
Lubricating Oil (Mineral)	568	545	525	572	578
Other	865	771	658	669	654
Miscellaneous					
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	52	85	82	123	156
Earthenware - Ceramic Tiles	68	100	102	183	185
Household Ware	318	413	376	360	328
Glass and Glassware	978	1,032	1,192	1,280	1,287
Instruments - Musical	35	69	61	78	114
Scientific	242	186	241	267	299
Jewellery and Timepieces	127	144	183	196	239
Outside Packages (a)	848	882	910	1,260	1,417
All Other	2,139	2,956	2,813	5,639	4,247
TOTAL IMPORTS	45,407	47,103	45,346	59,747	71,368

(a) The value of outside packages is recorded as a separate item.

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